

**REMARKS**

Claims 9 – 12 have been cancelled. The remaining claims, i.e., claims 1 and 3 – 8 are allowable. Applicants believe that this correspondence is fully responsive to the pending Office Action. In view of the abovementioned claim amendments, Applicants assert that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of this application in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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